RAJYA SABHA

Friday the 22nd November, 1996/ 1 Agrahayana, 1918 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock. Mr. Chairman *in the Chair.*

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): Hon. Chairman, Sir...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question No. 41.

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, I have given notice for suspension of Question Hour in view of the unprecedented havoc and loss of life and property in Andhra Pradesh due to the recent cyclone. For the last three days I have been raising this. It is a grave natural calamity. ...*(Interruptions)*... I should be allowed to raise the issue. ...*(Interruptions)*... Many people have lost their lives and properties. ...*(Interruptions)*... They have had a Black Diwali.

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: We have taken the oath for protecting the Constitution.

SHRI T.N. CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Whatever is happening in Uttar Pradesh is unconstitutional. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: I have given notice. They have not given any notice. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Dismiss the Governor! Dismiss the Governor!

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOW-DHURY: I have given notice.

MR: CHAIRMAN: I hope, if I give a long adjournment, people will calm down. Then, I hope, the House can function smoothly. ...*(Interruptions)*... I adjourn the House for the rest of the day, till 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Stoppage of Vidarbha Express at Thane Railway Station

*41. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to provide stoppage of Vidarbha Express at Thane Railway Station;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS. PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been examined but not found operationally feasible.

Increased Budgetary Allocations for CTRI

*42. SHRI YERRA NARAYANAS-WAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to increase the budgetary allocations of the Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) in Rajahmundry;

(b) if so, the budgetary allocations for 1996-97; and

(c) the steps proposed to increase the outlay of CTRI?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISH-RA): (a) and (b) A sum of Rs. 425.00 lakhs was provided for CTRI under Plan for the VIII Plan period 1992-93 to 1996-97, which is proposed to be enhanced to Rs. 465.00 lakhs in the IX Plan. The Budgetary allocation for 1996-97 for CTRI is Rs. 85.00 lakhs under Plan.

(c) Discussions on Annual Plan 1997-98 and IX Five Year Plan will be taken up